**WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER: The Goodness of Creation & Care for the Earth**

Adapted from “Celtic Prayers from Iona” by J. Philip Newell

It was you who formed my inmost parts. You knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:13-14)

**SILENCE:** *Be still and aware of God’s presence within and all around.*

**OPENING PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

O Sun behind all suns, we give you greeting this new day.

**Let all Creation praise you. Let the daylight and the shadows praise you.**

Let the fertile earth and the swelling sea praise you.

**Let the winds and the rain, the lightning and the thunder praise you.**

Let all that breathes, of all genders, praise you.

**And we shall praise you.**

**O God of all life, we give you greeting this day.**

**FREE PRAYERS OF THANKS:** *Offer your thanksgiving to God, aloud or in silence.*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PSALM**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,**

**And my Father will love them, and they will come to him.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**SILENCE AS WE REFLECT ON THE WORD**

**INTERCESSIONS:**

There is no plant in the ground but tells of your beauty, O Christ.

There is no creature on the earth, there is no life in the sea

but proclaims your goodness.

There is no bird on the wing, there is no star in the sky,

there is nothing beneath the sun but is full of your blessing.

Lighten our understanding of your presence all around, O Christ.

Kindle our will to be caring for all of Creation and all of your children.

*Aloud or in silence, share your prayers of concern, pray for the coming day and for the care of the earth.*

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Bless to us O God our souls that come from on high.

Bless to us O God our bodies that are of earth.

Bless to us O God each thing our eyes see, each sound our ears hear.

Bless to us O God each scent that goes to our nostrils,

Each taste that goes to our lips, each ray that guides our way.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**